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SUBJECT: SAHEL DROUGHT: 1974 CDC NUTRITIONAL SURVEY, MAURITANIA

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 870

1. SUMMARY: COMPARISON OF PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMPLETED
1974 CDC NUTRITIONAL SURVEY WITH IDENTICAL SURVEY IN 1973
SHOWS MARKED REDUCTION OF CLINICAL MALNUTRITION AMONG MAURITANIAN
POPULATION. ONLY ONE REGION SHOWED ANY INCREASED MALNUTRITION
OVER LAT YEAR. 1973 AVERAGED 13.9 PERCENT MALNOURISHED
AGAINST THE 1974 AVERAGE OF 10.7 PERCENT. MALNUTRITION AMONG
NOMAD POPULATION (1973: 16.6 PERCENT-1974: 10.7 PERCENT)
DRAMATICALLY REDUCED AND NOW EQUALS MALNUTRITION AMONG SEDENTARY
POPULATION. REDUCTION ATTRIBUTED TO FACT MOST NOMADIC
FAMILIES SURVEYED HAD BEEN PERMANENTLY LOCATED NEAR FOOD
DISTRIBUTION SITES FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR AND HAVE ALSO
ADAPTED TO CEREAL DIET. INCREASE IN NUMBER MALNOURISHED AMONG
SEDENTARY PEOPLE (1973: 8 PERCENT - 1974: 10.7 PERCENT)
ATTRIBUTED TO INADVERTANT COUNTING STATIONARY NOMADS
(ALWAYS THE MOST DROUGHT AFFECTED CASES AMONG SEDENTARY
POPULATION THIS YEAR. IN 1974 SURVEY ONLY ONE PERCENT CASES
OF CLINICAL MARASMUS SEEN COMPARED TO 4.9 PERCENT RECORDED
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IN 1973.

2. FINDINGS BY REGION IN 1973 AND 1974:

REGION	PERCENT MALNOURISHED 1974	PERCENT MALNOURISHED 1973
I	12.0	21.5
II	16.0	25.0
III	12.1	13.0
IV	16.0	NOT SURVEYED
V	12.0	11.3
VI	6.2	15.8
VII	2.7	6.0
TOTAL	10.7 OF 953 SAMPLED	13.9 OF 1195 SAMPLED

1973: 16.6 PERCENT NOMADS MALNOURISHED

8.0 PERCENT SEDENTARY POPULATION MALNOURISHED

1974: 10.7 PERCENT NOMADS MALNOURISHED

10.7 PERCENT SEDENTARY POPULATION MALNOURISHED

3. COPIES OF SURVEY BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR AF/W
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